

Prior to the business meeting and during the luncheon, President, Bill Miller thanked our sponsors Curt Curtis from Paul Evert's and Brett Howard from Alliance for their sponsorship.

## **MONACOS IN MOTION BUSINESS MEETING**

**Thursday, August 4, 2011 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin**

The semi-annual business meeting of Monacos in Motion RV club was called to order at 12:23 p.m. by President Bill Miller. Bill Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Sherfey gave the Invocation. Sue Haught was appointed Parliamentarian.

Newcomers were welcomed and asked to stand. They were thanked for their attendance. Costs of membership were reviewed and they were asked to see Bill Miller at the end of the meeting if they were interested in membership.

Officers present were introduced: President, Bill Miller; Vice President, Steve Sponenberg; Secretary, Norma Preston; National Director, Jack Sangalli; and, Past President, Don Preston. Officers absent were Treasurer, Allan Marcuse and Alternate National Director, Marcia Ronken. Past President, John Ham was introduced.

Copies of the Minutes of the last business meeting held in Moultrie, Georgia, March 11, 2011 were on the tables during the luncheon and meeting even though they had been previously disseminated by email to the membership on March 24, 2011. It was moved, seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as published. The motion passed unanimously.

Since the Treasurer, Allan Marcuse is in the process of selling his house in Cincinnati and this is a mid-year meeting President, Bill Miller dispensed with the need for the Treasurer's report and was asking Allan to make one for the calendar year 2011 ending in December.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Since changes were made to the Standing Rules in March the Executive Board proposes to amend Article V, Paragraph 5B of the By-Laws in lieu of the existing paragraph to read as follows: **B. BUSINESS MEETINGS:** The Chapter must hold at least ~~two (2)~~ **one (1)** business meetings each membership year at which a quorum is present. ~~Said meetings must be at least fourteen (14) days apart and be duly announced in advance to the membership.~~

A vote of the membership was taken and the amendment passed without opposition.

The Executive Board further proposed to amend Article V, Paragraph 5C of the By-Laws in lieu of the existing paragraph to read as follows: **C. ANNUAL ELECTION:** ~~One of the business meetings must be an~~ **At the Annual Business Meeting** at which the general membership will

vote to fill the necessary offices for the coming year which may include President, Vice-President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, and Alternate National Director.

A vote of the membership was taken and the amendment passed with only one vote in opposition.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Since this was the last business meeting of Monacos in Motion until August, 2012, and a new slate of officers will need to be elected at that meeting nominations were opened to select a Nominating Committee. John Ham, Wilt Greenwood and Don Preston were nominated and each accepted their nomination. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed. The motion passed and the above named people were unanimously elected.

Bill Miller reviewed how caravans work in terms of the application process and emphasized that MIM caravans are for MIM members and led by MIM members. Members and guests were encouraged to use the website: [www.monacosinmotion.org](http://www.monacosinmotion.org) to keep up to date on new caravans and to review past caravans.

Steve Sponenberg described several of the activities that were scheduled for the Three Sides of Lake Michigan Caravan which is scheduled for August 14 to September 2, 2011.

George Schrepf described a caravan that is in the thinking stage for Late September, 2012 from Virginia, to Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and into Pennsylvania. 12 couples showed an interest and all interested should contact George Schrepf as well as keep visiting our website for the application and additional information.

Members were reminded that there is a "Guidelines for Caravan Leaders" and that Kim Pollock has developed an excel spreadsheet that helps one plan a caravan. Plus, there is monetary assistance to help cover the costs of the planning and contacts. Caravans generally cost about \$1,500 to \$2,300.

Bill Miller asked for ideas for future caravans and then counted a show of hands of people interested in the caravans: After FMCA in Indiana—Indianapolis, Indiana and Kentucky and Caves 6; Maritime Provinces 17; California 12; Texas 6; Main and/or New England 16; Sherman's March to the Sea (Georgia) 6; National Parks in the West 8; Cajun Country (Louisiana) for 2013 is a possibility.

Members and guests were again encouraged to view the website [www.monacosinmotion.org](http://www.monacosinmotion.org) Bill Miller has been working with Kim Pollock to include a Caravan Leader Wall of Honor listing the number of caravans each couple has led or co-led as well as a list of all the Past Caravans since the first caravan in 1998. Bill Miller announced that the Executive Board agreed to follow Kim Pollock's suggestion to go with a professional company who will maintain our website with Kim continuing to be webmaster for \$450 a year plus a \$200 one time set up fee.

There being no further new business it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Preston, Secretary